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a. Husaren Kaserne on Stalinallee:

(1) The barracks had been vacated by Soviet troops. About two hundred 16 to 25-year-old police were in the yard or at the windows on 15 March 1950. Uniforms and furniture were unloaded [REDACTED]

(2) About 150 VP personnel, speaking Saxon dialect, held rifle drill in the barracks yard on 20 March 1950. A barracks worker said that the VP unit numbered about 500 police and was previously stationed in Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63).

(3) About 150 VP men carrying carbines, model 98 K, marched in good order toward Bomstedter Feld daily at 8 a.m. on 24, 27, and 29 March 1950. About 10 garages for the motor vehicles of the Musaren Kaserne VP unit were being constructed near the barracks. They were scheduled to be completed by mid-May 1950.

(4) About 150 VP men, led by 4 officers, left the barracks toward the Kriegsschule (former Potsdam officer candidate school) on 13 April 1950. They were allegedly trained there by Soviet officers. The Husaren Kaserne was occupied by 600 police, from Saxony, according to a VP man.

b. Barracks on Ehrenfortenberg, Potsdam-Eiche

About 120 VP personnel, 17 to 21 years of age, underwent training with carbines 9C K and submachine guns on 5 April 1950. They had excellent discipline. The barracks were occupied by 1,200 police according to local residents. Until recently the

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unit had been stationed in Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin (O 53/
/V 66). (1)

2. A VP Meister who belonged to the Potsdam-Eiche 6th VP Bereitschaft up to 25 March 1950 supplied the following information on his unit:

History: The 6th VP Bereitschaft was activated from the Grenzpolizeibereitschaft Brandenburg in August 1949.

Quarters: Luftwaffen Kaserne on the Potsdam-Eiche border toward Colm (W 53/V 63).

Strength: About 780 police and 30 officers.

Organization: Three 250-man Kommandos and one 60-man Sonderkommando. The Sonderkommando was only activated 2 weeks ago and underwent radio training.

Personnel: Polizeirat Sonnenburg, CO of Bereitschaft.

Oberkommissar Lehmann, CO of 1st Kommando
Oberkommissar Madeia, CO of 2d Kommando
Oberkommissar Arueger, CO of 3rd Kommando
Polizeimeister Blaske, CO of Sonderkommando

Armament: (2)

Four 150-mm medium howitzers with limbers
Four 105-mm light howitzers with limbers
Four 37-mm AT guns with limbers
Four heavy machine guns, model 34
Four light machine guns, model 34
Sixty submachine guns, model 42
Eight hundred and fifty carbines, model 98K
Fifty pistols, model 08
Twelve 76.5-mm pistols.

Ammunition:

10,000 rounds of carbine ammunition
2,000 rounds of pistol ammunition
Only practice cartridges were available for the guns.

Motor vehicles:

Four trucks, including two Opel-Blitz
Three passenger cars

Training: Artillery training since December 1949; allegedly a very low standard of training. Kommissar Schulz, instructor officer, was a former observation officer in the German artillery.

Political attitude: Fifteen percent belonged to the SED (Socialist Unity Party); all are members of the FDJ (Free German Youth).

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Miscellaneous data:

The Administration & Supply Section consisted of:

Ordnance office

Ration supply office

Sanitation office

Clothing office

Quarters & equipment office.

3. In late March 1950 a railroad official said that about 350 VP personnel arrived in Wildpark on 7 March 1950. They had been stationed in Kuestrin where they had to vacate their barracks, allegedly for Soviet troops.(1)
4. It was learned, in mid-April 1950, that the VP Bereitschaften in Stalinallee (formerly Berlinerstrasse), Potsdam, and that vicinity were undergoing close-combat training at the athletic field near Glienicke Bruecke. These units were to participate in the Berlin Whitsun rally of the Free German Youth, according to a VP man.
5. a. Two 60-man VP units marched from Bornstedter Feld to the Husaren Kaserne on Stalinallee on 17 April 1950. The police carried assault rifles and artillery aiming devices (panoramic sights).
b. Only a few VP personnel were seen in the barracks on Ehrenpfortenber, Potsdam-Eiche, after mid-April 1950, as was learned on 21 April 1950. VP units were no longer seen marching out of the barracks.

- (1) ~~SECRET/CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: According to previous reports two VP Bereitschaften are assumed to be stationed in Potsdam: The 6th VP Bereitschaft and the former 1st VP Bereitschaft from Kietz.(3)
- (2) ~~SECRET/CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: The data on the artillery equipment of the 6th Bereitschaft confirm a previous assumption that a VP artillery Bereitschaft consists of a light and a medium battery. (4).

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